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1. ECON/COMM COUNSELOR INFORMALLY DISCUSSED CONTENTS PARAS 1 AND 2 OF REFTEL (A) WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA), MR. M. NORRISH. NORRISH SAID THAT MARCH 31-APRIL 1 DATES WERE EARLIER THAN GNZ HAD IN MIND, THOUGH NO LATER DATE HAS YET BEEN DECIDED ON. EMBASSY BELIEVES GNZ WILL EVENTUALLY PROPOSE A SEPTEMBER OR OTHER AUTUMN DATE POSSIBLY LINKED WITH THE TIMING OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS.

2. IT APPEARS GNZ HAD NOT YET FOCUSED ON THIS YEAR'S CONSULTATION. HOWEVER IT IS EVIDENT GNZ IS NOT NOW PREPARED TO ABANDON ANNUAL TALKS. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT GNZ IS DISPOSED TACITLY TO ALLOW EXTENDED INTERVALS BETWEEN MEETINGS SUCH AS THAT EXPERIENCED BETWEEN LAST TWO CONSULTATIONS (OCTOBER 1972 TO FEB 1974).

3. THOUGH GNZ WILL UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE IMPORTANT BI-LATERAL MATTERS TO DISCUSS, EMBASSY SUSPECTS THAT GNZ VIEWS VALUE OF CONTINUING TALKS IN THE CASE OF THE US SOMEWHAT

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MORE FROM A PRESTIGE POINT OF VIEW. ALSO SUCH ECONOMIC

CONSULTATIONS ARE BECOMING MORE A PART OF GNZ BI-LATERAL ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES. FOR EXAMPLE THE COMMERCIAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE USSR AND ITAN, TO NAME BUT TWO, PROVIDE FOR SUCH ANNUAL CONSULTATIONS OF JOINT TRADE COMMITTEES.

4. IT IS CLEAR GNZ WILL WANT TO FIELD A TOP LEVEL TEAM FROM WELLINGTON FOR TALKS WHEN THEY DO TAKE PLACE. THOUGH MFA PLAYED A LESSER ROLE IN FEB 1974 TALKS, THE GNZ DELEGATION FOR THE '75 MEETING MAY WELL INCLUDE IN ADDITION TO REPRESENTATION FROM THE DEPARTMENTS MENTIONED IN REFTEL (B), ALSO A HIGH LEVEL MFA OFFICIAL AS WELL.

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